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**INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS WOMAN
CHARGED WITH FEDERAL TAX VIOLATIONS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SUSAN B. ELLIS, 47, Fortville, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for 8 counts of Failure to Pay over Employee Withholding Taxes in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7202, following an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

The indictment alleges that Ellis owned and operated Pharmasource Temporary Pharmacy Services, Inc. since 1995. Pharmasource was a temporary staffing service that hired pharmacists to work temporarily at various pharmacies across the country. Ellis was required to withhold and pay over federal taxes, including income, social security, and medicaid taxes, from Pharmasource's employees' wages. During 2001, 2002, and 2003, Ellis withheld employee taxes

in the total amount of \$1,597,062.71, but did not pay the taxes to the Internal Revenue Service. Instead she spent the money on personal items including the construction of a residence at a cost of \$2,500,000.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ELLIS faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 5 years' and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be held on Friday, May 12, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Foster.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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